

## *'The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire'*

1. Which of the following would most accurately describe the house in 'The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire'?
  - A. It was a combination of old and new both on the inside and on the outside of the house.
  - B. It was entirely new.
  - C. It was a really old home.
  - D. Bats nested at the home.
2. What is the name of Ferguson's house in 'The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire'?
  - A. Cheeseman's
  - B. The Castle
  - C. Home of the Sussex Vampire
  - D. Mr. Ferguson's House
3. Why is the Ferguson's abode named what it is?
  - A. It used to be a cheese factory on the property
  - B. It was named after its builder
  - C. It was once home to aristocracy
  - D. The vampire lore was strong in the Sussex community
4. In relation to London, where is Sussex located?
  - A. North
  - B. South
  - C. East
  - D. West
5. Which is the one animal that appears in the setting of 'The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire'?
  - A. A dog
  - B. A bat
  - C. A vampire
  - D. A bird
6. Where does 'The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire' begin?
  - A. Sussex
  - B. Cheeseman's house
  - C. Baker Street
  - D. Gothic castle
7. Mrs. Ferguson was originally from which South American country?
  - A. Venezuela
  - B. Peru
  - C. Columbia
  - D. Brazil
8. Mrs. Ferguson ordinarily had a sweet and gentle disposition except when
  - A. with her son
  - B. without supervision
  - C. with her stepson
  - D. she had been drinking
9. Why does Jack Ferguson try to kill his sibling in "The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire"?
  - A. Jack is jealous
  - B. The infant is possessed
  - C. Jack wants to be a vampire
  - D. Jack is framed

10. Why does Mrs. Ferguson allow her husband to believe she is a vampire?
- A. She wants to protect her stepson
  - B. She wants to protect her husband
  - C. She doesn't have the courage to correct him
  - D. She believes she is actually a vampire
11. Why does Mr. Ferguson share some responsibility as the villain in "The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire"?
- A. He beats his son Jack
  - B. He would rather accuse his wife of vampirism than accept the that his son is evil
  - C. He loves his son Jack more than his new baby
  - D. He beats his wife
12. Holmes surmises that Jack's actions arose from
- A. his love for his father
  - B. his dislike of his step-mother
  - C. his jealousy over his sibling
  - D. his physical condition
13. How is Watson's role as narrator a bit different in "The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire" than other Sherlock Holmes tales?
- A. Watson is less sensational
  - B. Watson clearly has begun to detest Holmes arrogance
  - C. Watson is more condescending to Holmes
  - D. Watson is much more observant of the other characters
14. What does "The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire" reveal about how people perceive the truth?
- A. Everybody lies
  - B. The truth is always the hardest thing to believe
  - C. It's closer to the surface than people often think
  - D. The truth is whatever you make of it
15. "This agency stands flat-footed upon the ground, and there it must remain," Holmes has said. "No ghosts need apply." When confronted with what appears to be a paranormal phenomenon of a vampire in Sussex, the great detective invariably hypothesizes—and proves—
- A. a mundane explanation
  - B. vampires don't exist
  - C. "facts" are in the eye of the beholder
  - D. some things have no explanation

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In "The Sussex Vampire," Holmes mentions the Matilda Briggs, "a ship associated with the giant rat of Sumatra, a story for which the world is not yet prepared."

What other two stories mention Sumatra?

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### Point to ponder

Conan Doyle believed in fairies, ghosts, haunted houses, messages from beyond the grave, and that certain people, called **mediums**, had supernatural abilities. Why did he attribute the opposite belief system to his detective? Hmmm? Why?